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Mr. Philip E. Culbertson
Associate Deputy Administrator
National Aeronautics and Space
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Washington, D. C. 20546

Dear Phil:

Re: Soviet Space Activities

Attached are two copies of an FBIS report on Soviet space activities. It is a "periodical" in that issues in the USSR series dedicated to space are published only when there is enough material in hand. I understand from [redacted] this is usually every two or three months.

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I have asked FBIS to put you on the regular distribution list for these publications. The USSR report does receive broad distribution within the U.S. including many Government agencies, university libraries and some U.S. industrial subscribers.

I have also asked [redacted] to give me his views on why Soviet space, aside from trade journals like Aviation Week, receives relatively so little routine attention by the U.S. press. I am not sure FBIS will be able to shed much light on the question but I will let you know if I hear anything of interest.

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As I mentioned to you and others earlier, I am encouraging the DDI, previously NFAC, to give

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maximum exposure to the recent Soviet space briefing which you and the Panel will see on the 17th. I am assuming that you would like that briefing to take place at CIA Headquarters with the appropriately cleared subset of Fletcher's Panel. I have discussed your desire for such a presentation with OSWR but they will need to know a specific time. Please let me know when the agenda has been established.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Les", is written over the typed name.

Leslie C. Dirks

Attachments:
As stated

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